

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph [0001] beginning on page 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/251,094, filed September 20, 2002 which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/899,346, filed July 5, 2001, which are is incorporated herein by reference in their its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [0042] beginning on page 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To displace rear segment (18) sufficiently, the primary deflection does not occur at bend (32) as with the distal connectors described in U.S. and foreign patents and applications entitled, “Improved Anastomosis Systems”, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/730,366; “End-Side Anastomosis Systems”, PCT Publication No. WO 01/41653; “Advanced Anastomosis Systems (II)” U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/770,560. Rather, rotation about torsional sections accounts for at least half, if not most or substantially all of the displacement required of rear segment (18). ~~In the variation of the fitting shown in figures 16A-16C.~~ In the variation of the fitting shown in figures 16A-16C, rotation of rear segment (18) occurs about the pair of torsional members (30), whereas in the variations in figures 1 and 3A and 3B, the rotation that occurs is shared between two pair of torsional sections.